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Original, Design, National Stage of PCT  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COMPOSITE PTFE ARTICLE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c) for type of application)

### REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

(a) ☒ is attached hereto.

(b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

### PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE

(c) ☐ was described and claimed in international Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:  
(complete (d) or (e))

(d) ☒ no such applications have been filed.

(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

#### EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Date of Issue	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the \_\_\_\_\_ under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of \_\_\_\_\_ United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

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